

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 10-14 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-9, and 15-19 are canceled. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

I. Objection to the Specification

The examiner objected to paragraph 51 of the specification, specifically that the reference to figure 7 should be to figure 8. Although the amendment to the specification presented in this response does not amend paragraph 51, Applicants believe that the amendment successfully addresses the objection.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 102, Asserted Anticipation

The examiner rejected claims 1, 5, 15, 18, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by *Evans, Laterally Coupled Waveguides*, U.S. Patent 6,775,427 (August 10, 2004). Applicants have canceled these claims and any corresponding dependent claims, thereby rendering the rejection moot. However, the rejection is clearly in error. Therefore, Applicants reserve the right to file these claims in a future continuation application.

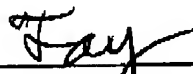
III. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over Evans and is now in condition for allowance.

The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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